

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL #8

Key stakeholder groups are trained, compliant and motivated toward sustainability principles.

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As part of Fort Carson Earth Day events, students at Carson Middle School were taught how to plant willows and trees.

Where the goal fits in the Fort Carson Strategic Action Plan

- Goal #1 Promote mutual respect, professional development, personal growth and teamwork, while celebrating success.
- Goal #2 Provide the services and support that contribute to mission readiness.
- Goal #3 Positively contribute to the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of the Mountain Post Community and create opportunities to enhance understanding of Fort Carson for our local neighbors.
- Goal #4 Provide vibrant, healthy, safe and environmentally-friendly places and spaces and Hometown services for the Mountain Post.
- Goal #5 Transform Fort Carson people, processes, products, places and profits – to show by our actions what sustainability and environmental management is, and its critical role in meeting the mission in all its dimensions by 2027.

Fort Carson regularly presents to public, private and non-profit entities to educate, inform and report on the Installation's sustainability mission. These venues serve as informational and feedback opportunities on progress and allow the public to better understand Fort Carson's investments and transitions.

Recent stakeholder presentations included the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) conference in Denver, the Pikes Peak Environmental Forum, El Paso County Commissioners and Pueblo County Commissioners.

The Installation regularly staffs booths at regional events. Recent outreach events included: the first Colorado Springs Green Fair, the Colorado Spring Business Journal's second "Go Green for Green" event, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' Sustainability Summit and Peterson Air Force Base's Energy Fair.

Continuing the tradition of reaching out to students who will make decisions regarding sustainability principles in the future, Earth Day/Arbor Day was celebrated for the 21st year at schools on Fort Carson and near the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

More than 2,500 students have participated in Fort Carson educational events and field trips this year.



Fort Carson Garrison Commander COL Eugene Smith (far left) hosted elected officials from Southern Colorado in July who wished to learn more about sustainability initiatives underway on Post.

FUTURE GOAL 8 INITIATIVES:

- Increase the number of students participating in educational events that include sustainability awareness training on Fort Carson.
- Initiate enhanced regional military involvement in planning the sustainability training at the annual Southern Colorado Sustainable Communities Conference.
- Pursue, in partnership with Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 and the Wildlife Habitat Council, a Safe Routes to School education grant for FY09. This grant, if secured, will help keep students safe, reduce vehicles on the road, raise awareness of these issues and advance progress toward a more sustainable transportation system at the Mountain Post.



Fort Carson staff attend outreach events to teach the internal and external communities about environmental stewardship and sustainability.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Increasing the level of awareness and understanding of sustainability principles by teachers, students, government officials and staff, economic development directors and other organizations, communities and citizens.
- Sharing success stories, lessons learned and ideas at Fort Carson with others in order to enhance regional sustainability.